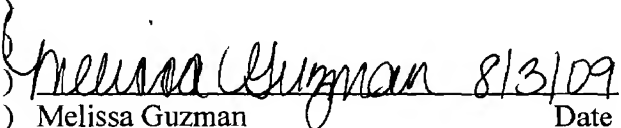


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following in the above-identified patent application:

**No Amendments to the Description** are made in this paper.

**No Amendments to the Drawings** are made in this paper.

**A reply to the Restriction Requirement** starts on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are made in this paper, and a listing of the claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 17 of this paper.

**Response to Restriction/Election Requirement:**

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement made in the Office Action of July 16, 2009, Applicant herein elects to prosecute the invention of group 1 drawn toward a process for treatment of an aqueous feed stream in heat transfer equipment as well as a process for concentration of the feed stream in an evaporator. Applicant herein further states that claims 1-102 read on the elected invention of group 1.

The invention of group 2, namely, claims 103-112, drawn to an apparatus for treatment of a feed water stream is herein withdrawn as being directed toward a non-elected invention. Applicant reserves its right to file a divisional application on these claims in the future.